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RE: Krekeler LOMA Application

Dear Mr. Chouinard:

Please find enclosed a response to your letter of July 10, 2008, in the above-entitled matter. As you can see from Ms. Hendricks' letter, the facts and assumptions you make in your letter are incorrect. You will also find enclosed, suggestions as to what information is necessary in order for the County to be able to sign off on the Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA). Also, you will find enclosed a photograph taken on May 20, 2008, which illustrates in stunning detail why the County's requests are reasonable. Let me further note that it is only through the activity of Ravalli County that citizens such as your client, are able to obtain government-subsidized insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program. I am sure you realize that if the County does not follow Federal requirements in this area, County residents would be unable to participate in the program.

In closing I note that your letter of July 10, 2008, contained a threat of legal action. In the future should you feel obliged to threaten the County with suit, both the Commissioners and myself would appreciate if you would do us the courtesy of copying us on any such letters.

Sincefely,

Enclosures: as stated

cc: Ravalli County Commissioners (w/o enclosures)

Renee Lemon, Interim Planning Director (w/o enclosures)

Laura Hendricks, Ravalli County Floodplain Administrator (w/o enclosures)

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Karen S. Mahar, Deputy (w/o enclosures)

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